

equality for all. In order to maintain our position and place as one of the greatest nations in the world, we simply cannot stand for any efforts that would suppress a fundamental right of the American people. The right to a vote—to a voice is the cornerstone of our democracy and we cannot continue to stand by idly while the right to vote continues to be trampled on simply because of Congress' apathy and failure to act.

Following the 2013 Supreme Court decision asking for a new preclearance formula in *Shelby v. Holder*, states all across the country put in place new suppressive voting laws making it harder, not easier for Americans to vote. The elderly, disabled, students and minorities have been disproportionately affected by these new laws blocking hundreds of thousands of Americans from the ballot box. It has been three years since the Supreme Court decision asking Congress for a modern-day preclearance formula—and for three years, Republican leaders in Congress have refused to take up bipartisan legislation to restore the Voting Rights Act.

This is an election year and with less than 50 days from the Presidential election, we are facing the first time in over 50 years that Americans will not have the full protection of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. We are in desperate need for immediate action to voting rights in this country. These threats to our democracy and civil rights bar thousands of Americans from their right to the voting polls. Division in this country is both dangerous and destructive. We are never better when rights are restricted and we are always stronger when all voices can be heard. This is still the United States of America and as elected officials and conduits of the Constitution—voting rights deserves our undivided attention.

On this Restoration Tuesday, I give us all the charge to battle against the continued suppression of the American vote and stand strong by our principles of democracy, liberty and justice for all. Mr. Speaker, my Republican colleagues should join the 178 members of Congress and support H.R. 2867—the Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2015. Let's restore the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and give all Americans access to the voting polls—it's the right thing to do.

#### THE OCCASION OF THE BIRTHDAY OF MR. ERIC JOHNSON

#### HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 28, 2016*

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I ask that the 50th birthday of a dear friend, Mr. Eric Johnson, be recognized on October 14th. A great patriot and Arizonan, my wife Joyce and I wish Mr. Johnson another 50 years of good health and happiness. Happy Birthday, Eric.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. RYAN A. COSTELLO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 28, 2016*

Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, on September 26,

2016, I missed two recorded votes on the House floor due to a family illness. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call 557 and YEA on Roll Call 558.

#### HONORING LIBBY MAYNARD AS 2016 NONPROFIT LEADER

#### HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 28, 2016*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Libby Maynard of Humboldt County, who is being honored on September 30, 2016, by the Northern California Association of Nonprofits with the 2016 Nonprofit Leader Achievement Award, a recognition she richly deserves.

Libby Maynard has served as co-founder and Executive Director of The Ink People Center for the Arts in Eureka since 1979. A professional printmaker, Libby co-founded The Ink People to support artists and educate the community about the arts. Under her leadership, The Ink People has grown to more than 400 members and provides exhibitions, performances, and educational opportunities for all ages. The program helps at-risk youth create positive change in their communities through the MARZ Project and provides administrative support, management, and capacity building through its DreamMaker Program to self-directed projects.

With Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from Humboldt State University in Arcata, Libby is an accomplished artist in her own right. Her artwork has been exhibited throughout California and is in collections across the nation.

Libby Maynard is highly engaged in her community, serving as a consultant in nonprofit management and program development, as well as director on many nonprofit boards, including Alliance for California Traditional Arts, Humboldt County Workforce Investment Board and Executive Committee, Humboldt County Convention and Visitors Bureau and Marketing Committee, and Access Humboldt and Finance Committee. Since 2005, Libby has served as staff to the City of Eureka's Art & Culture Commission and sits on Eureka Main Street's Public Arts Committee.

Libby has received numerous awards and honors, including the Ingrid Nickelsen Award for a lifetime of commitment to the arts; The Selina Roberts Ottum Award from Americans for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts; California Association of Nonprofits' Insurance Services' Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership; California Arts Council Director's Special Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Local Arts Agency Field; and recognitions from the Hmong Community of the North Coast and Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, among many others.

Mr. Speaker, Libby Maynard's commitment to bettering her community through the advancement of art and culture is commendable and worthy of recognition. I urge my colleagues to join me in extending our congratulations to her.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF EDMUND EDELMAN

#### HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 28, 2016*

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Mr. Edmund Edelman—father, husband, grandfather, cellist, politician, and activist—who passed away on September 12, 2016, at the age of 85.

A lifelong resident of Los Angeles, Ed grew up on the Westside where he attended Beverly Hills High School. After serving in the Navy for two years, Ed earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and Bachelor of Laws degree, both from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Ed's service to the community began in these halls as a staff lawyer for a congressional subcommittee on education and labor and then as an attorney for the National Labor Relations Board.

Ed served on the Los Angeles City Council from 1965 to 1974 to represent the 5th district. His progressive agenda helped the most vulnerable citizens in this district. Some of his notable accomplishments working as a City Councilman are creating support systems for the homeless and mentally ill, promoting public transportation, and protecting important landmarks from developers.

Ed was elected in 1975 to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors where he continued to serve the community. In that position he continued to be proud of his title as an "unabashed liberal." During his time as a Supervisor, Ed was a champion for abused and neglected children by establishing the county's Department of Children and Family Services and the Monterey Park court, which was later named for him. Ed was also a supporter for the arts and supported the renovations of the Hollywood Bowl to better promote cultural events in the community.

Ed was a passionate advocate for public transit, leading the drive for Los Angeles to invest in mass transit both the in the San Fernando Valley and South Los Angeles. The Red Line connecting the North Hollywood to downtown and the Los Angeles-Long Beach Blue Line are here today because of the vision and drive of Ed Edelman.

Ed retired from political office in 1994, but his public service did not end there. He continued to help others by advising on different public policy matters a Senior Fellow at the RAND Corporation. He later worked for the City of Santa Monica to assist the homeless population and created a program to establish connections between homeless people and different social services. Ed's legacy comes from his compassion for other people. The wide range of accomplishments in humanitarian, environmental, and cultural endeavors has enduring impact on the community of Los Angeles.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Mari; brother Raymond; sister, Sandra; daughters Erica Edelman Benadon and Emily Glickman; and grandchildren Jonah, Juliette, Adam, and Alexandra.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Ed Edelman.